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AKA: Captain America

After the apparent murder of Steve Rogers, the man who was Captain America, Cap's former partner during World War II, James "Bucky" Barnes, has taken on Steve's mantle and his mission. Even now that Steve Rogers has returned from the grave, Bucky continues to wield the shield as Captain America.

During the 1950s, while the original Cap was in suspended animation, another Captain America was created. While a nearly perfect physical match for Steve Rogers, this new Cap became severely mentally unstable and eventually had to be taken down.

Recently, Bucky clashed with a newly revived, but still deranged, 1950s Captain America who then escaped. No one has seen him since.

TWO AMERICAS Part 1

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The Foothills of Boise, Idaho
BOISE SHERIFF
SHERIFF-12
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT-- FREEZE!
HANDS WHERE I CAN--

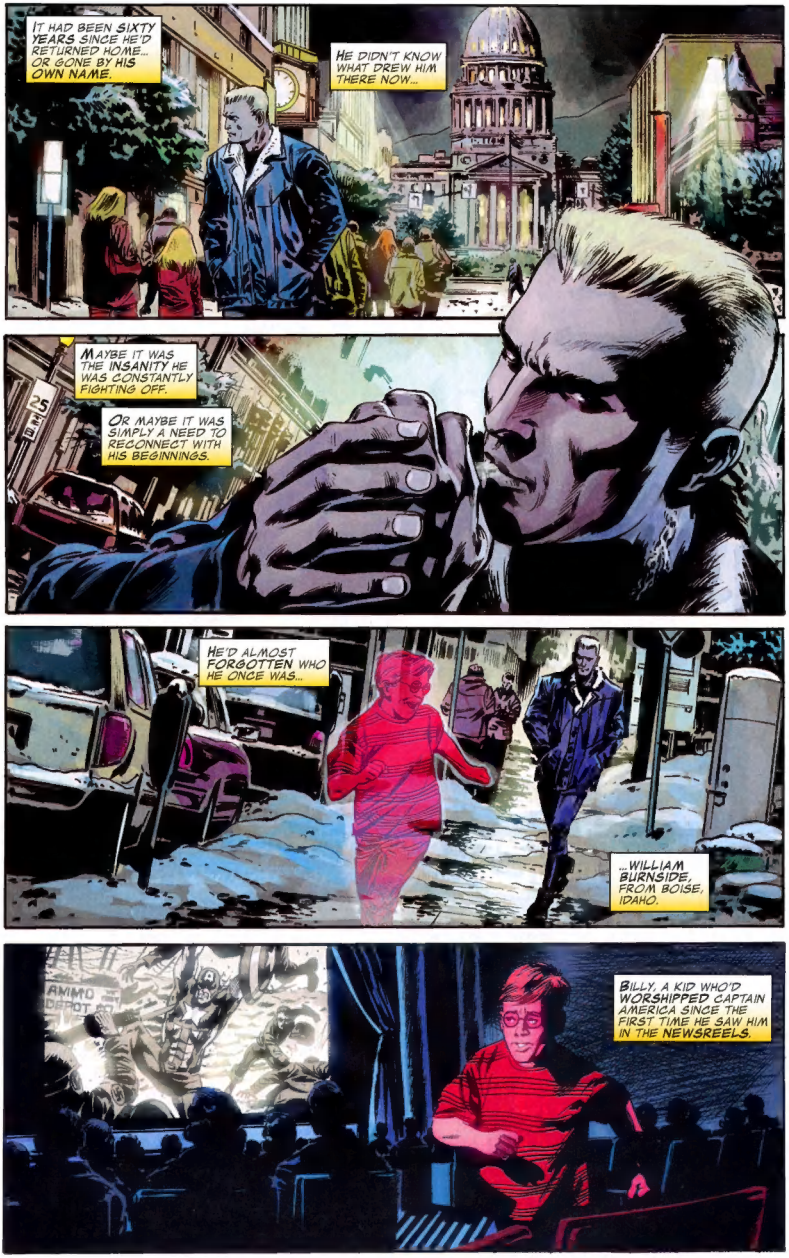
I WOULDN'T DO THAT IF I WERE YOU, OFFICER.
...AW CRAP...
AAAAHHHH!
CALL IT IN!
WE NEED BACKUP!
BLAM BLAMM

WE GOT RUNNERS!
NOT A PROBLEM.
SKLASH
UKK--
NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL.

WHAT--?
SHERIFF
101
KRUNNK
SHIELD

ALL RIGHT, BOYS, PACK IT ALL UP...WE HEAD FOR THE COMPOUND. NOW.
AND THEN WE GO GET OUR COUNTRY BACK.
TWO AMERICAS

THAT'S RIGHT...NOW CHECK THIS OUT.
SATELLITE I DIVERTED OVER IDAHO LAST WEEK PICKED UP SOME INTERESTING STUFF.
WHAT AM I LOOKING AT?
MY BEST GUESS IS THAT'S THE CAP FROM THE '50s WITH A WHOLE NEW CREW OF WATCHDOGS.
LOOKS LIKE HE'S GIVIN' A SPEECH.
DAMN IT...
I AIN'T SURE WHAT KINDA SHAPE STEVE'S BEEN IN SINCE HE GOT BACK...
BUT I FIGURED IT WAS BEST HE DIDN'T SEE HIS DARK REFLECTION COZYIN' UP TO THE ENEMY.


It had been SIXTY YEARS since he'd returned home... or gone by his own name.
He didn't know what drew him there now...
Maybe it was the INSANITY he was constantly fighting off.
Or maybe it was simply a need to reconnect with his beginnings.
He'd almost FORGOTTEN who he once was...
...William Burnside, from Boise, Idaho.
AMMO DEPOT
Billy, a kid who'd WORSHIPPED Captain America since the first time he saw him in the NEWSREELS.

WHO'D CHANGED EVERYTHING TO BECOME CAPTAIN AMERICA HIMSELF IN THE EARLY 1950S.
EVEN YOUR OWN MOTHER COULDN'T TELL YOU WEREN'T THE REAL STEVE ROGERS NOW...
AND NOW HE WAS FINALLY HOME... BUT NOT TO A HERO'S WELCOME.
GOING OUT OF BUSINESS
NO, THIS COUNTRY HAD TURNED ITS BACK ON HIM LONG AGO.
WHEN HE SAW THAT THE HOUSE HE'D GROWN UP IN HAD BEEN TORN DOWN...
...AND IN ITS PLACE NOW STOOD AN OUT-OF-BUSINESS STRIP MALL...
...HE FELT THE INSANITY TRYING TO CLAW TO THE SURFACE.
WHAT THE HELL HAS HAPPENED TO MY AMERICA?

BUT EVERYTHING CHANGED THE NEXT DAY...
...WHEN HE STOPPED A BANK ROBBERY....
...WEARING HIS RED, WHITE AND BLUE UNIFORM...
...AND CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE KIND OF AMERICANS HE'D BEEN LOOKING FOR.
I THINK THAT'S THE REAL CAPTAIN AMERICA? HEARD HE MIGHT BE BACK.
I DON'T KNOW, BUT HE LOOKS REAL ENOUGH TO ME.

HONEST, HARD-WORKING AMERICANS...
READY AND ABLE TO RISE UP AND FIGHT BACK...
THEY JUST NEEDED ONE MORE THING...
...A LEADER.

SO, WHAT'RE YOU THINKIN', SAM?
I'M WISHING WE'D NABBED THIS GUY LAST YEAR WHEN WE HAD THE CHANCE...
I KNOW.
YOU KNOW HE'S CRAZY, RIGHT?
YOU MAY'VE BEEN ABLE TO REASON WITH HIM ONCE, BUT THE MAN IS OFF HIS NUT IN A SERIOUS WAY.
YEAH, I READ THE WHOLE FILE ON HIM.
BUT I STILL CAN'T HELP FEELING A BIT SORRY FOR THE GUY...

WELL, STOP IT. YOU HESITATE OR GO EASY, AND THE MAN WILL TAKE YOU APART.
REMEMBER, HE'S EVEN STRONGER AND FASTER THAN STEVE, TO GO ALONG WITH ALL THAT CRAZY.
OH, BELIEVE ME, I REMEMBER...
SO, WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE, THEN?
THIS BAD CAP IS RAISING AN ARMY. AND THOSE DEPUTIES HE INJURED SAID THEY SAW SOME KINDA STRANGE DEVICE...
SO, THE WATCHDOGS HAVE GOT TO BE PLANNING SOMETHING BIG.
SO WE INFILTRATE, FIND OUT WHAT THAT IS AND SHUT IT DOWN.
THEN WE EXTRACT OUR TARGET.
AND JUST HOW DO WE GO ABOUT INFILTRATING A GRASSROOTS ANTI-GOVERNMENT ARMY?
I'VE GOT AN IDEA...BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GONNA LIKE IT.
OH, GREAT...

"WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?"
AMERICA NOT AMERICA!
SOME KIND OF PROTEST RALLY...
"...LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF ANTI-TAX THING."
NO GOVT IN MY MEDICARE!
DOWN WITH THE SOCIALIST REGIME!
TAXES!
NOT AMERICA!
AMERICA!
NO NEW TAXES
SO I GUESS THE WHOLE "HATE THE GOVERNMENT" VIBE AROUND HERE ISN'T LIMITED TO THE WATCHDOGS...
WE'RE NOT IN NEW YORK ANYMORE, SAM.
WHICH BRINGS ME BACK TO MY EARLIER POINT... ABOUT INFILTRATION.

"I DON'T EXACTLY SEE A BLACK MAN FROM HARLEM FITTING IN WITH A BUNCH OF ANGRY WHITE FOLKS..."
AMERICA 4 SALE
Tea Bag The Libs Before They Tea Bag YOU!
STOP the SOCIALISTS!
NO NEW TAXES
NO TO

...IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
NO, IT'S PERFECT, SAM... THIS ALL FITS RIGHT INTO MY PLAN.

I'M REALLY NOT GONNA LIKE THIS PLAN, AM I?

NOPE.

BARNEY'S
BARNEY
OK

I'M TELLIN' YOU...I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT!

I FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE.
THE I.R.S. HAS SENT YOU NUMEROUS REQUESTS...
THIS--THIS AIN'T RIGHT!

OH YEAH... THIS WAS A GREAT PLAN...

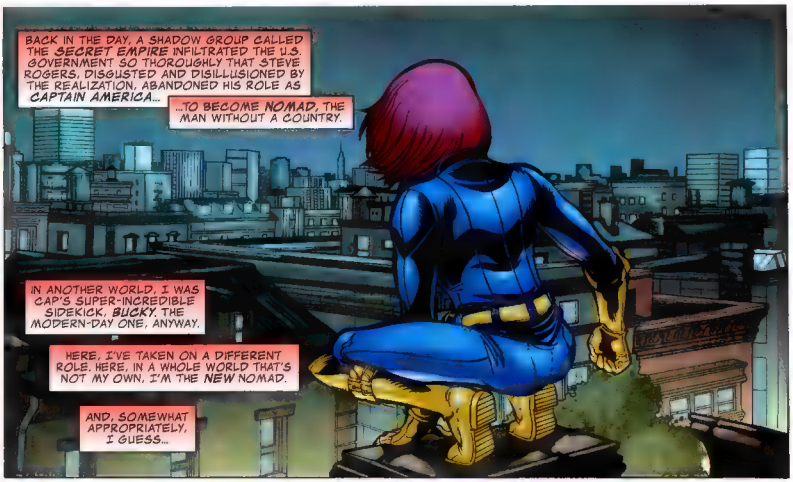
YOUR DRINKS ARE ON THE HOUSE TONIGHT, BROTHER...
I'M NOT LOOKIN' FOR CHARITY...
WELL, YOU GOT IT ANYWAY.

EXCUSE ME, MISTER... MY FRIEND AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU.
OH YEAH? ABOUT WHAT?

LET'S JUST SAY WE'VE GOT A PROPOSITION...
'CAUSE, YOU'RE JUST THE KINDA GUY WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.

THE NIGHTS ARE THE WORST.
THAT'S WHEN HE FEELS THE INSANITY SCREAMING IN HIS HEAD.
IT TAKES EVERYTHING HE HAS TO HOLD IT BACK...
TO TRUST THESE MEN OF HIS... TO KNOW THEY AREN'T THE ENEMY...
UH...ARE YOU WITH US HERE, CAP?
YES...YOU SAID YOU HAD REPORTS ON THE NEW RECRUITS?
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
SHIELD

YEAH, I THINK WE GOT SOME REAL GOOD PROSPECTS.
COUPLE OF EX-SOLDIERS, JUST BACK FROM THE MIDDLE EAST...
AND A REAL KICKASS TRUCKER WE MET EARLIER TONIGHT ON HIS WAY THROUGH TOWN...
WAIT--THIS ONE?
YEAH, THAT'S HIM. KNOCKED OUT THIS FED WITH ONE PUNCH.
WHY?
BECAUSE I KNOW THIS MAN.
To Be Continued...


BACK IN THE DAY, A SHADOW GROUP CALLED THE SECRET EMPIRE INFILTRATED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SO THOROUGHLY THAT STEVE ROGERS, DISGUSTED AND DISILLUSIONED BY THE REALIZATION, ABANDONED HIS ROLE AS CAPTAIN AMERICA...
...TO BECOME NOMAD, THE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY.
IN ANOTHER WORLD, I WAS CAP'S SUPER-INCREDIBLE SIDEKICK, BUCKY, THE MODERN-DAY ONE, ANYWAY.
HERE, I'VE TAKEN ON A DIFFERENT ROLE. HERE, IN A WHOLE WORLD THAT'S NOT MY OWN, I'M THE NEW NOMAD.
AND, SOMEWHAT APPROPRIATELY, I GUESS...

...I'VE STUMBLED ACROSS A NEW ITERATION OF THE SECRET EMPIRE.
THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY BROTHER'S DEATH. SO, YEAH, I FULLY INTEND TO RIP INTO THEM.

NOMAD

IN CONJUNCTION PART 1

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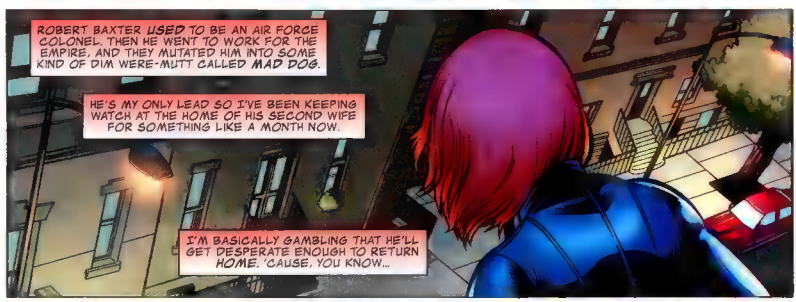
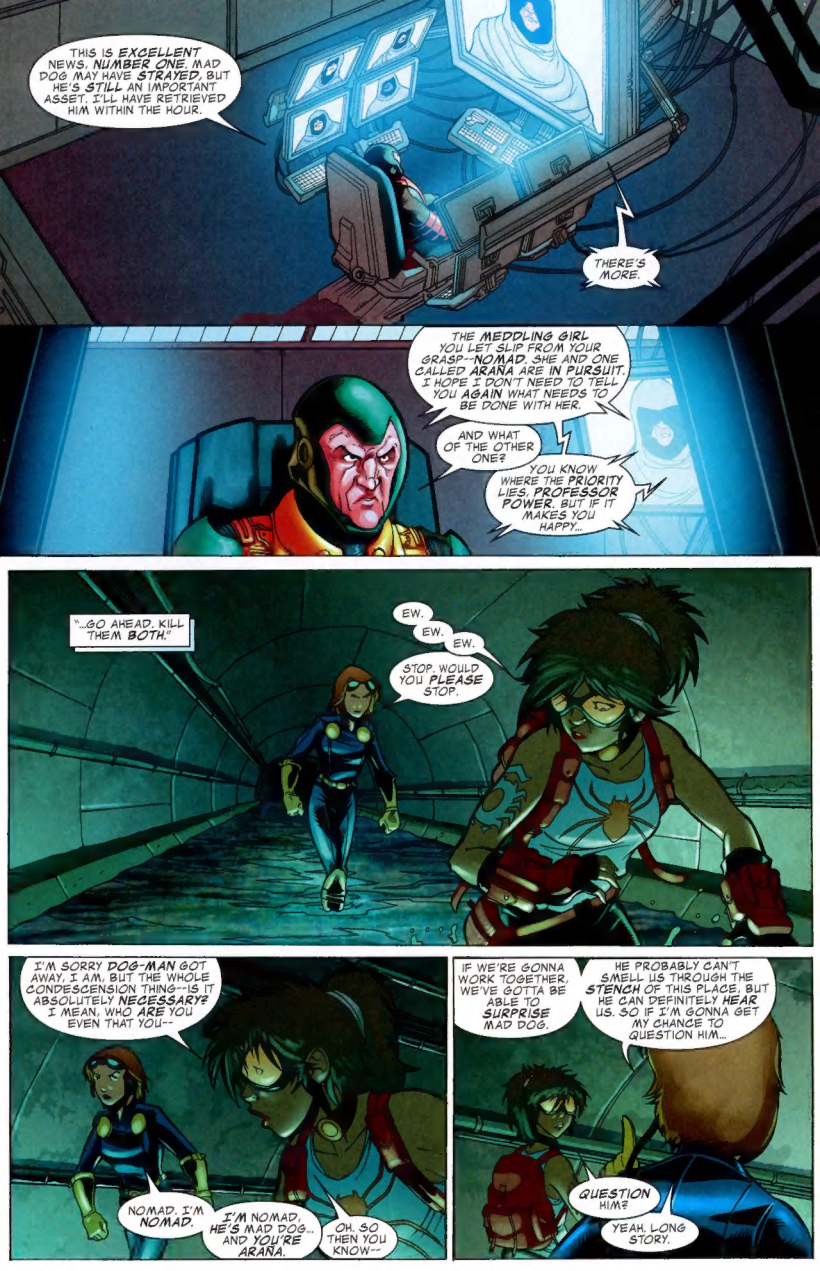

ROBERT BAXTER USED TO BE AN AIR FORCE COLONEL. THEN HE WENT TO WORK FOR THE EMPIRE, AND THEY MUTATED HIM INTO SOME KIND OF DIM WERE-MUTT CALLED MAD DOG.
HE'S MY ONLY LEAD SO I'VE BEEN KEEPING WATCH AT THE HOME OF HIS SECOND WIFE FOR SOMETHING LIKE A MONTH NOW.
I'M BASICALLY GAMBLING THAT HE'LL GET DESPERATE ENOUGH TO RETURN HOME. 'CAUSE, YOU KNOW...

...I COULD DEFINITELY RELATE.
RACHEL.
MM...?
OHH!
OKAY. OKAY, DON'T PANIC...
RACHEL... WIFE...
AH-HAH!
NOW HANG ON THERE, ROBERT--MR. BAXTER. I KNOW YOU DON'T MEAN HER ANY HARM.
RRRRRR...
I JUST WANNA TALK TO YOU, OKAY...? THIS DOESN'T HAVE TO GET ALL--

GO TIME, allo!
WADOOM
WHAT ARE YOU DOING??
WELL, IT'S MOST COMMONLY KNOWN AS A TEAM-UP. Y'KNOW, HELPING A FELLOW BEGOGGLED SUPER HEROINE?
DON'T WORRY--I'M NOT AFTER YOUR WIN CREDIT OR ANYTHING. JUST HAPPY TO--
UHNN!
GAH!
WHUNNT
NO! HE'S--
I NEEDED TO GET HIM TO--
YOU STUPID--!

HE WENT THIS WAY!
SORRY. SO, SO SORRY, MRS. BAXTER...
AW, MAN...!
"AW, MAN" WHAT?
"AW, MAN" THAT.
I HATE THE SEWERS.
IT STINKS, IT'S GROSS, AND I JUST WASHED MY COSTUME.
WELL THEN, FEEL FREE TO STAY TOPSIDE AND MESS UP SOMEONE ELSE'S LIFE, 'KAY?
YES..YES, DEFINITELY, AND THERE ARE TWO FOLLOWING.
YES. TWO. THE ONE YOU WARNED ME ABOUT, AND--
BUT LISTEN, I NEED TO KNOW...
...WAS THAT REALLY HIM? SHE CALLED HIM BY NAME...
NO. NO. OF COURSE NOT, RACHEL...THE POOR CREATURE'S SIMPLY CONFUSED...


THIS IS EXCELLENT NEWS, NUMBER ONE. MAD DOG MAY HAVE STRAYED, BUT HE'S STILL AN IMPORTANT ASSET. I'LL HAVE RETRIEVED HIM WITHIN THE HOUR.
THERE'S MORE.
THE MEDDLING GIRL YOU LET SLIP FROM YOUR GRASP--NOMAD, SHE AND ONE CALLED ARAÑA ARE IN PURSUIT. I HOPE I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU AGAIN WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE WITH HER.
AND WHAT OF THE OTHER ONE?
YOU KNOW WHERE THE PRIORITY LIES, PROFESSOR POWER, BUT IF IT MAKES YOU HAPPY...
"...GO AHEAD. KILL THEM BOTH."
EW.
EW.
EW.
STOP. WOULD YOU PLEASE STOP.
I'M SORRY DOG-MAN GOT AWAY. I AM. BUT THE WHOLE CONDESCENSION THING--IS IT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY? I MEAN, WHO ARE YOU EVEN THAT YOU--
NOMAD. I'M NOMAD.
I'M NOMAD. HE'S MAD DOG... AND YOU'RE ARAÑA.
OH. SO THEN YOU KNOW--
IF WE'RE GONNA WORK TOGETHER, WE'VE GOTTA BE ABLE TO SURPRISE MAD DOG.
HE PROBABLY CAN'T SMELL US THROUGH THE STENCH OF THIS PLACE, BUT HE CAN DEFINITELY HEAR US. SO IF I'M GONNA GET MY CHANCE TO QUESTION HIM...
QUESTION HIM?
YEAH. LONG STORY.

GREAT.
THIS IS GREAT.
NO WAY WILL WE FIND HIM NOW.
HANG ON, NOW, YOU DON'T KNOW THAT--
I LOST HIM. HE'S GONE...
NOMAD!
FA-KRAK
AGH!
OKAY... GOTTA BE A NEW LOW.

MUTT'S PRETTY STRONG... NNH!...BUT I THINK I GOT 'IM...
RRRAGH!
ENOUGH!
I TOLD YOU, ROBERT--I DON'T WANNA HURT YOU. I DON'T EVEN WANNA BRING YOU IN.
YOU DON'T?
SHUSH.
I KNOW YOU'RE ON THE RUN FROM THE SECRET EMPIRE. THEY WANNA PUNISH YOU. RIGHT? FOR SCREWING UP?
...PUNISH ME.
I KNOW YOU HAVE NO REASON TO TRUST ME, ROBERT. BUT I DON'T WANNA SEE THAT HAPPEN. YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH ENOUGH, I THINK.
SO...
...HOW ABOUT YOU TELL ME ALL ABOUT THE SECRET EMPIRE--MEMBERS, BASES, PLANS--AND I'LL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO SHUT 'EM DOWN FOR YOU.
WHADDAYA SAY?

SHRRAKK
GRRRAAAAGH!
OH, JOY.
YOU DON'T THINK THEY'RE MAYBE FRIENDLY, DO YA?
GO AHEAD.
ASK 'EM.
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